IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

| In re Application of: |) | |
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| | : | Examiner: L. Nguyen |
| KIMIYUKI HAYASAKI |) | |
| | : | Group Art Unit: 2853 |
| Appln. No.: 09/770,669 |) | |
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| Filed: January 29, 2001 |) | |
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| For: PRINTHEAD, PRINTHEAD |) | |
| DRIVING METHOD, AND DATA | : | |
| OUTPUT APPARATUS |) | May 25, 2004 |

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LETTER SUBMITTING COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Sir:

In the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance attached to the Notice of Allowability mailed February 25, 2004, as well as in the Office Action dated April 7, 2003, the Examiner listed reasons for the allowance of the claims. However, the features noted by the Examiner do not accurately reflect what is recited in each of the independent claims. For example, Claim 32 recites an output unit, not an input portion. Likewise, Claim 28 recites an input means and Claim 40 recites an output apparatus. Further, Claims 32 and 40 recite outputting data, not inputting data. Nevertheless,

Applicant respectfully submits that each of the pending claims is allowable for its combination of claimed features.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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